

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE  
OF  
THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE  
WORKING GROUP

(Effective \_\_\_\_\_)

1. Establishment of a National Security Council Intelligence Committee was directed by the President in his memorandum of 5 November 1971, "Organization and Management of the U. S. Foreign Intelligence Community," which was reflected in the revised National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 1, "Basic Duties and Responsibilities," effective 17 February 1972. NSCID No. 1 provides that the NSCIC is to "give direction and guidance on national substantive intelligence needs and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products from the viewpoint of the intelligence consumer."

2. Authority

The NSCIC Working Group was established pursuant to discussion at the initial NSCIC meeting of 3 December 1971 and was reconstituted with a consumer orientation as a result of NSCIC action at its August 1974 meeting.

3. Mission

The NSCIC Working Group will support the NSCIC and facilitate NSCIC actions to give direction and guidance on national substantive needs for intelligence and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products from the viewpoint of the intelligence consumer.

4. Organization and Membership

a. The NSCIC Working Group shall consist of one representative of each NSCIC member, under a Chairman designated by the Chairman of NSCIC. The Chairman of the Working Group will also appoint an Executive Secretary.

b. Except for the representative of the Director of Central Intelligence--the Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community--members of the Working Group will be users of intelligence, not intelligence officers.

c. The representative of the DCI will establish, and chair, an Intelligence Panel, including representatives from the major intelligence production organizations; it will assist him in providing intelligence support to the efforts of the Working Group, and in advising the Working Group of the Community's present capabilities to provide intelligence to the users, and of significant changes in those capabilities when they occur.

d. The Chairman of the Working Group will organize one or more panels, composed of users of intelligence, to conduct appraisals of intelligence papers disseminated to national-level users and prepare recommendations for the Community's guidance.

e. Intelligence users from departments and agencies not represented on the NSCIC may be invited by the Working Group to attend its meetings when appropriate.

#### 5. Functions

The NSCIC Working Group will:

a. Present action recommendations to the NSCIC in furtherance of the mission of the NSCIC.

b. Conduct such studies, surveys, reviews, evaluations and inquiries as may be directed by the NSCIC in the execution of its mission.

c. Initiate for NSCIC such interagency studies, surveys, reviews, evaluations and inquiries as the Working Group considers are pertinent to the furtherance of the program of the NSCIC.

#### 6. Method of Operation

a. Meetings of the Working Group will be on the call of the Chairman. Any member desiring that the Working Group be convened will so advise the Chairman.

b. Action projects for Working Group sponsorship can be proposed by any member of the Group.

c. Responsibility for the conduct of studies and preparation of reports undertaken under Working Group sponsorship will be assigned by the Chairman as agreed among the members.

d. For the preparation of studies and reports, the Working Group can establish interagency task groups or assign responsibility to a single organization as determined on the basis of the nature of the problem.

e. All studies and reports prepared under auspices of the Working Group will be submitted to the Working Group for its consideration prior to being given any dissemination by the task group or other persons charged with preparation of the documents.

f. Working Group decisions will be reached by consensus among the members, but in the event full agreement is not attained, the Chairman, in forwarding the results of Working Group action to the NSCIC, will advise the NSCIC of the dissent or differing opinion of any member who so requests.

g. Studies and reviews accomplished under Working Group auspices for background and information use which do not contain action recommendations and which the Working Group considers do not require referral to the NSCIC may be disseminated by the Working Group Chairman directly to such organizations and agencies as the Working Group considers would find them useful.